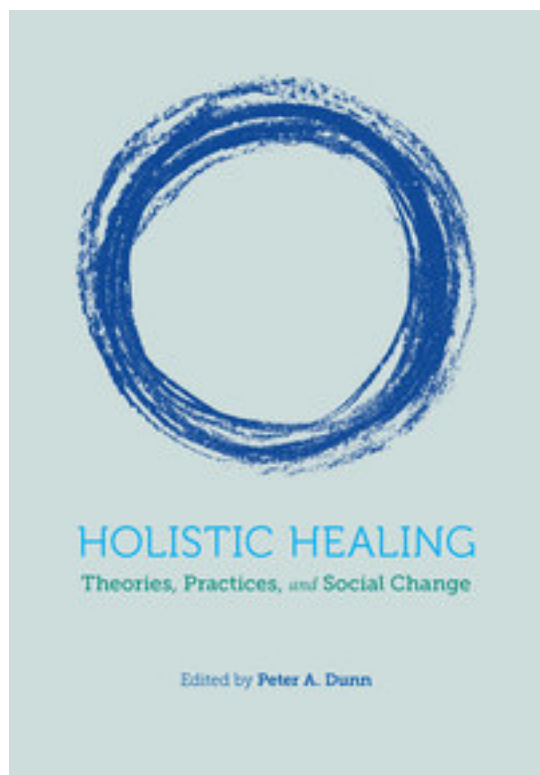


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"Holistic Healing offers a range of approaches to health, education, and human relations while emphasizing that it can only suggest and not contain the breadth of possibilities.... We need a complementary and vital paradigm that helps us respect infinite differences while understanding what is shared and how we participate in a communion of creation modeled by nature. Peter Dunn and the contributing authors advance and renew this ancient and sustained vision."

—Shaun McNiff, SM, PhD, established the groundbreaking Expressive Therapies programs at Lesley University in Cambridge Massachusetts and is the author of over a dozen books including *Art Heals* and *Imagination in Action*

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—Noreen Frisch, PhD, RN, FAAN, Professor and former Director of Nursing, University of Victoria, Member of the Board of Directors of the American Holistic Nurses' Credentialing Corporation, and Past-President of the American Holistic Nurses Association

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—Christine Caldwell, PhD, LPC, BC-DMT, Founder and former Director of the Somatic Counseling Program, Graduate School of Counseling & Psychology, Naropa University and written extensively in this field including two books.

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